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SUBJECT: CARIBBEAN COOPERATION

REF: BRASILIA 9112

1. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO APPROACH GOB ALONG LINES PARA
5 REFTEL NOTING (A) THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE WORLD BANK
IS EXTENDING INVITATIONS ON NOVEMBER 14 TO ATTEND A
CONFERENCE ON CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT IN WASHINGTON ON
DECEMBER 14-15 AND (B) THAT YOU WISH TO CONVEY OUR IN-
TEREST IN THIS INITIATIVE AND HOPE THAT BRAZIL WILL
GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO PARTICIPATION AS A DONOR
COUNTRY.

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2. FYI: AFTER SOME URGING FROM US, THE WORLD BANK
IS EXTENDING INVITATIONS TO CERTAIN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING
BRAZIL, WHICH ARE NOT TRADITIONAL DONORS TO THE CARIBBEAN.
OUR HOPE, HOWEVER, IS THAT THESE COUNTRIES WILL BECOME
SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTORS IN THE FUTURE. AT THE SAME
TIME, WE DO NOT WISH TO PRESS TOO HARD ON THIS MATTER

AND DO NOT INTEND TO ASK OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO APPROACH
BRAZIL. YOUR OWN APPROACH SHOULD BE IN LOW KEY. VANCE

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